

House Bill 1516

By: Representatives Hatfield of the 177th, Loudermilk of the 14th, Davis of the 109th, Byrd of the 20th, Reese of the 98th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Presidential Preference Primary, so as to provide for establishment of the qualifications of candidates for President; to provide for affidavits and supporting documentation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Presidential Preference Primary, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-193, relating to submission of names of candidates by political parties, as follows:

"21-2-193.

(a) Not later than November 1 of the year preceding the year in which a presidential preference primary is to be held, the state executive committee of each party which is to conduct a presidential preference primary shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of the names of the candidates of such party to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot. Such lists shall be published by the Secretary of State in a newspaper of general circulation in the state during the first week of December in the year immediately preceding the year in which the presidential preference primary is to be held.

(b) Within 10 days after submitting its list of names of candidates, the state executive committee shall submit to the Secretary of State for each candidate an affidavit by the candidate stating the candidate's citizenship and age and shall append to the affidavit documents that prove the candidate is a natural born citizen, prove the candidate's age, and prove that the candidate meets the residency requirements for President of the United States as prescribed in Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

(c) The Secretary of State shall review the affidavit and supporting documents submitted for each candidate; and if the Secretary of State finds reasonable cause to believe that the

27 candidate does not meet the citizenship, age, and residency requirements prescribed by law,
28 the Secretary of State shall not place that candidate's name on the ballot."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.